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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 05/23/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

First, Applicant arguments and the comparison provided regarding the present invention and the cited prior arts are irrelevant (such as, Tassel is directed to a method of billing for a confederated network such as the Internet).

Applicant argues (Page 3 of the Remarks) that "the present invention is not related to such real-time billing and is not to a packet analysis". It appears that the Applicant is reading into the claim language. The Examiner did not cite any section in the previous office action (Final action mailed 03/25/2008) regarding the use of "real time billing".

The Examiner believes that all other arguments are already addressed in the previous office action (Final action mailed 03/25/2008).

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rasha S. AL-Aubaidi whose telephone number is (571) 272-7481. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

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